



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5322***

LCO No. 2595



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A HUMAN SERVICES PERMIT AND A REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS CONDUCT HOME VISITS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) The State Board of  
2 Education, upon the request of a local or regional board of education or  
3 a regional educational service center, may issue a human services  
4 permit to any applicant with specialized training, experience or  
5 expertise in social work, human services, psychology or sociology. Such  
6 permit shall authorize a person to be employed by a local or regional  
7 board of education or a regional educational service center and to  
8 provide mental health and human services to students. Such applicant  
9 shall (1) hold a bachelor's degree in social work, human services,  
10 psychology, sociology or other equivalent subject area from an  
11 institution of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for  
12 Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or regionally  
13 accredited, and (2) have a minimum of four years of work experience in  
14 such subject areas, or one year of work experience and two years of  
15 specialized schooling in such subject areas.

16 (b) Each such human services permit shall be valid for three years  
17 and may be renewed by the Commissioner of Education for good cause  
18 upon the request of the superintendent of schools for the district  
19 employing such person or the regional educational service center  
20 employing such person.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year commencing  
22 July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each school social worker  
23 assigned, or otherwise providing services, to a student shall, at least  
24 twice during the school year, visit the home of such student. Such school  
25 social worker may conduct more than two home visits during the school  
26 year, if, in the determination of such school social worker, additional  
27 home visits would best serve the needs of the student or the student's  
28 family.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a human services permit that allows individuals to provide mental health and human services to students in schools, and to require school social workers assigned to students to conduct at least two home visits for each such student during the school year.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*